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Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production,
Processing, and Handling of Food"

Dear FDA,

The labeling of food products is essential to protect public health.

I therefore oppose the FDA proposal to eliminate the labeling of irradiated food. I do not believe that this is in the public interest or reflects well upon the integrity of the FDA.

Furthermore the suggestion by FDA to use euphemisms such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" is misleading the public and destroys the trust in the regulating agencies of the government.

Irradiated food must be clearly labeled with large type. Anything less is a deception.

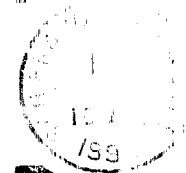
Sincerely,

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